## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## CASE NO. 4:25-cv-10017-LEIBOWITZ

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Plaintiff,

v.

## ELON MUSK, et al.,

Defendants.

## ORDER IN CASES WITH MULTIPLE DEFENDANTS

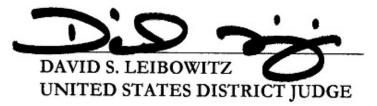
**THIS CAUSE** is before the Court upon Plaintiff's Complaint [ECF No. 1] filed on February 20, 2025. To better manage the orderly progress of the case, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. The Plaintiff in this case shall file proof of service, as to each Defendant, within seven days of perfecting service on each Defendant.
- 2. The Defendants shall file their responses and motions jointly.
  - a. If there are conflicts of position, the co-Defendants shall file a *motion for leave to file* separate responses or motions, in which they must describe what those conflicts are.
  - b. If the co-Defendants need more than twenty (20) pages for their joint responses or motions, they shall file a *motion for leave to file excess pages*, which the Court will consider expeditiously.
- 3. The co-Defendants may file separate *answers* to the complaint. The time for responsive pleadings—for all Defendants—begins to run once all Defendants have *either* (1) been served

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the Defendants file a joint response or motion, it must contain *all* bases for dismissal, stay, abstention, or other relief the Defendants intend to raise. Nothing in this Order precludes the Defendants from later raising (non-waivable) jurisdictional defenses.

- or (2) waived service. If the Defendants face response periods of different lengths—say, because one Defendant has been personally served whereas another has waived service—all Defendants will be subject to the *longest* of those response periods.
- 4. Failure to comply with these procedures may result in sanctions, including the striking of the motion(s) or response(s).

**DONE AND ORDERED** in the Southern District of Florida on March 17, 2025.



cc: counsel of record